

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

1978 B.A.A.
MARATHON

OPERATION RACER

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WELLESLEY
AMATEUR RADIO
SOCIETY

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The Wellesley Amateur Radio Society in the past has been a leader in providing communications for public service events and during Civil Defense Emergencies. We are currently on the verge of providing another first in public service--communications for a special event.

The Wellesley Amateur Radio Society will be providing, for the first time in the history of its running, communications for the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) 26-mile marathon that is traditionally run yearly on Patriots Day, code name Operation Racer.

This brochure has been specially prepared for all participants that will be handling communications for Operation Racer. It depicts a total overview of the operation and details portions thereof of each communications point, its purpose, and its place in the total picture.

I urge everyone participating in the operation to read this booklet thoroughly and understand its contents completely so that we can make Operation Racer a great professional as well as a personal success for each us and our organization.

73, (best regards)

Don Chesley
Don Chesley, President

The Checkpoint Operator

The primary responsibility of the checkpoint operator will be to work in conjunction with the B.A.A. official in providing a timely communications link to N.C.S./MARATHON HDQS. B.A.A. officials will be easily recognizable as will the checkpoint communication operators. Official signs designating the communication checkpoint and jacket patches and/or armbands will be provided.

No crowd control or other than actual race-related communications will be provided except in the case of priority or emergency traffic. Operators are reminded that EMERGENCY TRAFFIC pertains to runners down or sick, serious accidents, or medical emergencies occurring in the immediate vicinity of the checkpoint. PRIORITY TRAFFIC will be passed for B.A.A. race officials to PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARATHON HDQS. ROUTINE TRAFFIC pertains to position and time standings or simply routine race progress information.

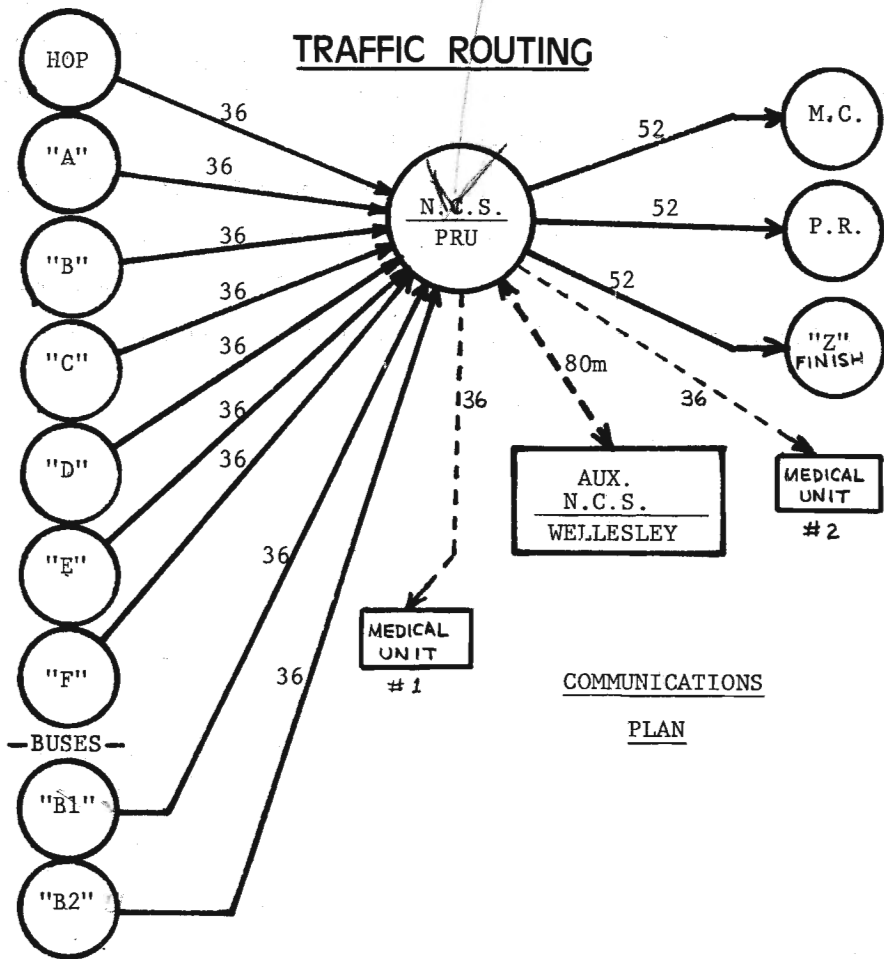
The Net

Operation Racer will be conducted using a formal controlled communications network. The net control station designated WITKZ CONTROL will be located in the communications center at the Prudential Tower with an alternate N.C.S. in Wellesley. Net Control will maintain communications with the seven (7) checkpoint outstations designated CHECKPOINT HOPKINTON, CHECKPOINT ALFA, CHECKPOINT BRAVO, CHARLIE, DELTA, ECHO, and FOXTROT and the two (2) press buses designated BAKER ONE and BAKER TWO on the primary link of 147.96/36. Communications between net control and the finish line, the media center and public relations will be maintained on 146.52/52 MHZ or another direct link frequency. The black diagram attached illustrates the communications network for Racer '78.

All operators are reminded that Operation Racer will utilize a formal controlled net and that circuit discipline is an absolute necessity to insure effective and timely communications.

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Hours of Operation

The hours of the BAA Marathon are 1200 sharp to 1600 local. Checkpoint operators are expected to be on location and establish contact with the BAA Officials by 1100.

N.C.S. (WITKZ) will begin initial checkout at 1100. Press bus riders will board their buses at 0800 at the Prudential Center. Although the race officially ends at 1600, some checkpoints will shut down prior to that. Shut down time will be determined by race headquarters.

TASKING

Communications Center (N.C.S.) (PRO.)	*WALPQY/WB1BUV
Public Relations (PRU.)	WALHVS/WALJIR
Media Center (PRU.)	WB1BUP
Checkpoint <u>Hopkinton</u>	Unassigned
Checkpoint <u>ALFA</u> (Framingham Train Station)	*WALYOL/WB1ALZ WB1GKU/WALZRH
Checkpoint <u>BRAVO</u> (Natick Center)	*WB1BVN/WB1ECJ WB1FCU
Checkpoint <u>CHARLIE</u> (Wellesley Town Hall)	*WB1BUQ/WB1BUR WALWKR
Checkpoint <u>DELTA</u> (Woodland On Route 16)	*WAL1JB/WB1BUM
Checkpoint <u>ECHO</u> (Lake Street At B.C.)	*K1FB/WB1BUZ
Checkpoint <u>FOXTROT</u> (Coolidge Corner)	*WAL1TAK/WALYHV
Press Bus #1 <u>Baker One</u>	K1UR
Press Bus #2 <u>Baker Two</u>	WALZLQ
Finish Line <u>Checkpoint "Z"</u>	*K1PDX/WB1FCO

*Checkpoint Communication Coordinator